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ABSTRACT

This book, a collection of photographs of over 40 schools in Murray County, Georgia, from the early 1900s to the present, is divided into sections according to geographical areas of the county. Photographs portray sporting events, original school buildings, school clubs, graduating classes, school classes, teachers, and administrators. With each picture is a brief description and the names of the individuals present. These pictures document educational change throughout the years including integration and consolidation. The first site of formal education in Murray County was the Springplace Moravian Mission, which opened in 1801. Its curriculum included reading, grammar, writing, sacred history, mathematics, geography, weaving, botany, and music. This school operated for over three decades until the mission closed in the chaos preceding the Cherokee removal. Schools numbered 20 by the 1850s and 40 by the early 1900s, after which consolidation reduced their numbers. Early teaching conditions are described. Includes an index. (LP)

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